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December 29, 1994

Ms. Carol Graszer Ropski
Emergency Support Section
U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency (HSE-5J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: General Notice of Potential Liability and
Request for Information
Sauget Area 2, Site Q (formerly known as the
Sauget & Company Landfill, Sauget, Illinois)

Dear Ms. Ropski:

The purpose for this letter is to notify the Environmental Protection Agency that Monsanto Company is currently in the process of gathering information and preparing a response to the above-referenced Request for Information. By our computation, a response to the Request for Information is currently due on or before Monday, January 9, 1995.

Monsanto has quickly determined that the volume and the nature of information which must be reviewed and the holiday and vacation schedules of individuals thought to have potential knowledge of information responsive to the Information Request effectively preclude the assembly and preparation of the information in time to be submitted to the EPA by January 9, 1995. Accordingly, Monsanto requests an extension of time of not less than 60 days in which to complete preparation and submission of the requested information.

In the light of the age of the transactions involved and the broad scope of information sought by the EPA, Monsanto must request the assistance of the EPA in further responding to the EPA's Information Request concerning site Q. Accordingly, if EPA has evidence or information linking Monsanto to the site, please provide it immediately, and, further, please consider this request to be made under the provisions of the "Freedom of Information Act." This request specifically includes photographs of any and all things, materials or circumstances upon which the EPA relies in its decision to serve the Information Request upon

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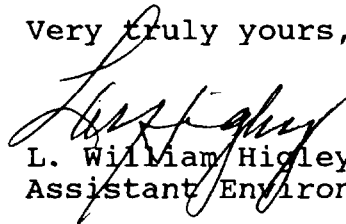
Monsanto, as well as any Site records or owner or operator allegations concerning Monsanto and the Site. Absent the provision of such information, Monsanto's further investigation into potential links between itself and the Site will be seriously impaired.

Please direct all further communication regarding this matter to the undersigned counsel:

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Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to write or call at any time.

Very truly yours,



L. William Higley
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cc: Deirdre Flannery Tanaka